

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-54 (Cancelled)

1 **Claim 55 (currently amended):** A data processing apparatus comprising:
2 input means for inputting content description data describing a plurality of segments in
3 which each of said plurality of segments represents a scene of media content constituted by a
4 plurality of scenes, and for inputting scores that are attribute information of the media content
5 representing degree of relative importance of each of said plurality of segments based on context
6 of the media content; and
7 selection means for selecting one of said plurality of segments based on the scores.

1 **Claim 56 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 55,
2 wherein said plurality of segments are hierarchically described.

1 **Claim 57 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 55,
2 wherein the content description data includes supplemental information.

1 **Claim 58 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 55,
2 wherein the media content corresponds to video data and/or audio data.

1 **Claim 59 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 55,
2 wherein each of said plurality of segments is provided with linkage information for linking to
3 dominant data that represents said segment.

1 **Claim 60 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 59,
2 wherein the dominant data is text data, image data and/or audio data.

1 **Claim 61 (currently amended):** A data processing method comprising the steps of:
2 inputting content description data describing a plurality of segments in which each of
3 said plurality of segments represents a scene of media content constituted by a plurality of
4 scenes, ~~and;~~
5 scores that are attribute information of the media content representing degree
6 of relative importance of each of said plurality of segments based on context of the media
7 content; and
8 selecting one of said plurality of segments based on the scores.

1 **Claim 62 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 61, wherein
2 said plurality of segments are hierarchically described.

1 **Claim 63 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 61, wherein
2 the content description data includes supplemental information.

1 **Claim 64 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 61, wherein
2 the media content corresponds to video data and/or audio data.

1 **Claim 65 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 61, wherein
2 each of said plurality of segments is provided with linkage information for linking to dominant
3 data that represents said segment.

1 **Claim 66 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 65, wherein
2 the dominant data is text data, image data and/or audio data.

1 **Claim 67 (currently amended):** A data processing apparatus comprising:
2 input means for inputting content description data describing a plurality of segments in
3 which each of said plurality of segments represents a scene of media content constituted by a
4 plurality of scenes that are marked off by time according to scene boundary, and for inputting
5 scores that are attribute information of the media content representing time information
6 describing scene boundaries, and the scores also representing degree of relative importance of
7 each of said plurality of segments based on context of the media content; and
8 selection means for selecting one of said plurality of segments based on the scores.

1 **Claim 68 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 67,
2 wherein said plurality of segments are hierarchically described.

1 **Claim 69 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 67,
2 wherein the content description data includes supplemental information.

1 **Claim 70 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 67,
2 wherein the media content corresponds to video data and/or audio data.

1 **Claim 71 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 67,
2 wherein each of said plurality of segments is provided with linkage information for linking to
3 dominant data that represents said segment.

1 **Claim 72 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 71,
2 wherein the dominant data is text data, image data and/or audio data.

1 **Claim 73 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 67,
2 wherein the time information includes a starting time and an ending time of each scene of said
3 plurality of scenes.

1 **Claim 74 (previously presented):** The data processing apparatus according to claim 67,
2 wherein the time information includes a starting time and a duration time of each scene of said
3 plurality of scenes.

1 **Claim 75 (currently amended):** A data processing method comprising the steps of:
2 inputting content description data describing a plurality of segments in which each of
3 said plurality of segments represents a scene of media content constituted by a plurality of scenes
4 that are marked off by time according to scene boundary, ~~and;~~
5 6 information describing scene boundaries, and the scores also representing degree of relative
7 importance of each of said plurality of segments based on context of the media content; and
8 selecting one of said plurality of segments based on the scores.

1 **Claim 76 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 75, wherein
2 said plurality of segments are hierarchically described.

1 **Claim 77 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 75, wherein
2 the content description data includes supplemental information.

1 **Claim 78 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 75, wherein
2 the media content corresponds to video data and/or audio data.

1 **Claim 79 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 75, wherein
2 each of said plurality of segments is provided with linkage information for linking to dominant
3 data that represents said segment.

1 **Claim 80 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 79, wherein
2 the dominant data is text data, image data and/or audio data.

1 **Claim 81 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 75, wherein
2 the time information includes a starting time and an ending time of each of said plurality of
3 scenes.

1 **Claim 82 (previously presented):** The data processing method according to claim 75, wherein
2 the time information includes a starting time and a duration time of each of said plurality of
3 scenes.